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SHERIFF WALKER DIES DEATH OF A SUICIDE

The Fatal Shot Was Fired In Impulse of Insanity

The Condition Which Prompted the Deed Was the Outgrowth of an Illness Which Gradually Under- mined His Reasoning.

Sheriff J. Elliott Walker died yesterday, by his own hand. His suicide in a fit of aberration took place at his residence, corner of Third Avenue and Van Buren street, about 8 o'clock in the morning. There had been no premeditation. The sheriff could not have thought of it five minutes before it was done.

The sheriff had been in ill health for two weeks. He was confined to his bed for three days in the early part of last week. He came down today toward a sick man and was seized with another violent illness on Monday, after which he hardly left the house. He lay in bed all day on Tuesday and slept. He slept all of the following night and awoke shortly before 8 o'clock yesterday morning. When he awoke, Mrs. Walker entered the room and he greeted her by asking where he was and who he was and what he was doing.

He was clad only in pajamas and if at Christmas time you send From Arizona, sandy, To your eastern friend, Something nice and dandy, "Go way back and sit down," You awkward, clumsy clown, If you don't send Donofrio's Cactus Candy.

started to go out of the door to this toilet. Mrs. Walker prevailed upon him to put on his trousers and overcoat and a pair of slippers. In the overcoat pocket was the revolver with which he shot himself. He always carried it there. Therefore, when he started he could not have thought of the weapon.

Soon after his departure Mrs. Walker heard a noise in the rear of the yard, but she thought at the time that the boys had struck something with a stone. A moment later she thought of Mr. Walker and went out to him. When she opened the door she saw him partly sitting and partly leaning against a post. His face was covered with blood, and in his right hand he held the revolver with the muzzle still pointed at his head. Mrs. Walker screamed and fell unconscious in short distance from the building. Her cry was heard by Surveyor General Ingalls who lives next door. He hurried to her assistance and telephoned for the coroner and to the sheriff's office.

Deputies Cunningham and King went to the house and soon after, Acting Coroner Burnett arrived with the jury whose work was simple and quickly performed. The case presented no puzzling features.

The sheriff had shot himself twice in the head. Either of the wounds might have caused death. The first shot struck him on the right side of the chin and emerged at the inner corner of the left eye. The second shot entered the right temple and the point of exit was on the left side of the crown of the head. Death was not instantaneous, but the sheriff was never conscious after he was found.

The board of supervisors, having been informed of the death of the sheriff at once notified his bondsmen as the law requires shall be done. They are E. J. Bennett, D. H. Burtis, Lloyd



G. A. R. Veteran—"Gee! I Thought I Fixed You Forty-One Years Ago!"

B. Christy and Frank Cox. Soon after the bondsmen filed a petition asking for the appointment of William Cunningham to fill out the unexpired term of twelve days. A new bond was executed and Mr. Cunningham was appointed. He in turn reappointed all the other deputies who had served under Sheriff Walker.

The suicide of the sheriff is attributed to the suffering attending his illness. Its effect upon his mind was, no doubt, aggravated by the worry over the escape of Lee Redwine on Thanksgiving night. He had sought in every direction for some clue to the fugitive and had spent more than \$500 trying to find him. Last Saturday in a conversation with a reporter for The Republican, he said, "This Redwine business is driving me crazy."

The sheriff was a man of the most jovial disposition and was the playmate of his grandchildren, the children of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Burtis, who had never learned to call him "grandpa," but from their infancy he had been known to them as "fardner." They had sought him out daily for a romp until about ten days ago, they began inquiring among themselves and of their grandmother, "What is the matter with fardner?" Mr. Walker became more and more

abstracted until it became necessary to speak to him frequently to draw him out of his deepening reverie.

John Elliott Walker was fifty-nine years of age. He was born in the Piedmont Valley in Virginia, and at the outbreak of the war was a cadet in a state military school. He left it before completing the course, to join the famous band of Col. John S. Mosby, and he served with that mobile force throughout the war, taking part in all the more important engagements of the command.

After the war he went to California, settling in the northern part of the state. A few years later he came to Arizona and spent some time in mining along the border between this territory and New Mexico in the neighborhood of Duncan. After that he was engaged for some time in business in Tucson and came to Phoenix to accept the district clerkship under Judge Porter. He remained through his administration and for a year under the administration of his successor, Judge Kilbey.

He was late clerk of the supreme court, still later, under sheriff in the administration of Sheriff Murphy. He was next clerk of the district court, under Judge Baker, after which he served as county treasurer for two terms. He was elected sheriff two years ago. He was a prominent member of Trinity Episcopal church and a member of the various Masonic bodies. Sheriff Walker was married in Tucson to Mrs. Robbins, who survives him. He was one of the most popular men in the county and the territory and one of the warmest hearted men, the most loyal of friends.

TOOK 100 TERRORISTS.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—The police today discovered the headquarters of the militant portion of the terrorist party and arrested more than a hundred members.

REPUBLIC OIL CO. GOT BAD NAME

Its Reputation as a Competitor of The Standard Destroyed by The Missouri Suit.

New York, Dec. 19.—Testifying today in the suit brought by the state of Missouri against the Standard Oil Co., the Waters-Pierce Oil Co. and the Republic Oil Co., to stop them from doing business in Missouri, C. L. Nichols, president of the Republic Oil company, declared that as a result of the disclosures in the proceedings, the usefulness of the Republic Oil company as a supposed competitor of the Standard Oil company had ended.

The entire business of the company outside of Missouri, he said, had been turned over to the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, and that portion in Missouri would have been turned over, he added, had it not been for the injunctions which prevented.

DIRECTOR OF REPUBLICS.

John Barrett Elected to Succeed W. C. Fox.

Washington, Dec. 19.—At a meeting presided over by Secretary Root at the state department today the executive committee of the Bureau of American Republics elected John Barrett, of Oregon, the present minister to Columbia and director of the bureau to succeed Wm. C. Fox of N. J., who has occupied the position for the last two years and was today nominated to be American minister to Ecuador.

A DIVIDED FAMILY.

San Francisco, Dec. 19.—Vyacheslav Petrovsky, a Russian army officer who arrived on the Nippon Maru last Monday, has been denied a landing here, although his wife Julia, has been admitted.

LODGE WANTS OLD SPELLING

Demands Reprint of President's Panama Message

The Communication With Reference to Discharged Negros Presented to the Senate.

Washington, Dec. 19.—President Roosevelt's message dealing with his action in dismissing from the army the negro troops of three companies of the 25th infantry furnished one topic of interest in the senate session today.

The message included a report from the secretary of war and several other documents including the letter from General Nettleton, recently published. The president said he ordered the discharge of Companies B, C and D of the 25th infantry in the exercise of his constitutional power and in pursuance of what after full consideration he "found to be his constitutional duty as commander-in-chief of the army of the United States." He said he was glad to avail himself of the opportunity to lay before congress the facts as to the murderous conduct of members of the companies in question and as to a conspiracy by which many other members of these companies saved the criminals from justice, to the disgrace of the United States uniform.

A lively debate followed the reading of the message as to what should be done with it. Mr. Foraker wanted it sent to the military committee with instructions to make further investigation should the committee deem it necessary.

He said that in reality, much that appeared to be testimony was really not testimony and much of it was not given under oath. On objection from Senator Clay the senate postponed action until tomorrow.

The pension calendar was cleared by the passage of more than 200 private pension bills. At the suggestion of Senator Lodge, President Roosevelt's Panama message will be reprinted for the senate in "normal spelling."

INSULT TO SANTA CLAUS.

In Which a Democrat and a Republican Agree.

Washington, Dec. 19.—In the house

today Representative Lacey of Iowa took a pronounced position in opposition to the adjournment of congress for the Christmas holidays declaring that "it is idiotic for the house to adjourn then to jam all legislation through under whip and spurs during the closing days."

The expression was called out in connection with the discussion of a resolution looking to an increase for the enrolling force of the house. Fitzgerald of New York had just concluded a speech in opposition to the resolution in which he had sharply criticized mistakes in the appropriation bills made at the close of the last session.

Lacey declared that owing to the policy of holding the principle work on the appropriation bills until the closing days of the session the enrolling clerk had worked forty-eight hours in succession and he contended that under such circumstances mistakes were to be expected. Mr. Clark of Missouri declared that "the statement made by Mr. Lacey about the idiosyncrasy of the holidays was the most sensible thing he had said for twelve years." Speaking of the appropriation bills Clark said he believed it would be a wise thing if the rules were adopted prohibiting the passage of any appropriation bill later than five days before adjournment.

He thought the unseemly jobs that crept into appropriation bills during the closing hours of congress would be eliminated by such a rule. Mr. Tawney of Minnesota, chairman of the committee on appropriations asked Mr. Clark to specify some of the "jobs" that had gotten into the appropriation bills during the closing hours.

"Well," replied Clark, "I will get some specific jobs and bring them here for the gentleman's edification and I will make a speech to them."

On the division the absence of a quorum was disclosed, Clark leading the fight against the resolution on the part of the democrats. The house then adjourned.

THE HARRIMAN INQUIRY.

The Interstate Commerce Commission Takes a Holiday Recess.

Washington, Dec. 19.—In order better to suit the convenience of those concerned, the interstate commerce commission postponed until January 1 the investigation into the management of the control of the Union and Southern Pacific railroads of the Harriman system. The initial inquiry will be held in New York City.

A TERRORIST RAID.

Bialystok, Dec. 19.—A large body of terrorists today demolished a railroad track near here and held up a train on which sixty prisoners were being conveyed to Vilna. They then attacked the guards, killing three of them, wounding a dozen and liberated the prisoners.



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